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Attached is a copy of a Re-Submission of Amendment dated April 7, 2004, together with the Amendment dated November 19, 2003, together with a copy of the date-stamped postcard, evidencing filing on that date.

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**Hideyuki Takahashi et al.**

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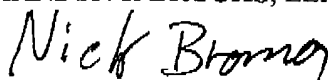
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Sir:

The Amendment of November 19, 2003, was lost by the PTO. That Amendment was re-submitted on March 3, 2004, but due to a clerical error the wrong PTO receipt was sent. The November 19, 2004 Amendment is now re-submitted along with the correct PTO receipt (attached). No fee is due. However, any fees which may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 19, 2003. No extension fee is due. An authorization to charge appears below.

Claims 1-11 were pending in this application. Claims 6-9 were withdrawn from consideration and are now been canceled without prejudice to re-entry. Claims 12-21 are newly added. The new claims are patentable because they describe novel and unobvious subject matter, and for the reasons set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.

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